

In the Claims:

✓ Please amend claims 1, 14-18, 27, and 85 as follows:

A 2
1. (Amended) A particle comprising:
an inorganic matrix comprising channels; and
a composition disposed in said channels, said composition comprising an organic structure-directing agent and an active agent, wherein the organic structure-directing agent comprises latex particles or surfactant.

A 3
14. (Amended) The particle of claim 1, wherein said particle has an average particle size of no greater than 20 μm .

15. (Amended) The particle of claim 1, wherein said particle has an average particle size no greater than 15 μm .

16. (Amended) The particle of claim 1, wherein said particle has an average particle size no greater than 1000 nm.

17. (Amended) The particle of claim 1, wherein said particle has an average particle size no greater than 100 nm.

18. (Amended) The particle of claim 1, wherein the channels of said particle have an average a cross-sectional dimension no greater than 50 nm.

A 4
27. (Amended) A first composition comprising:
a plurality of particles comprising
an inorganic matrix comprising channels; and
a second composition disposed in said channels, said second composition comprising an organic structure-directing agent and an active agent, wherein the organic structure-directing agent comprises latex particles or surfactant.

AS 85. (Amended) A particle comprising:

an inorganic matrix comprising channels; and

a composition disposed in said channels, said composition comprising a surfactant and an active agent selected from the group consisting of pharmaceutical agents, therapeutic agents, antimicrobial agents, agricultural agents, curing agents, and combinations thereof.

A version marked up to show changes made to the claims relative to the previous version of the claim(s) is attached.